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MISCELLANY.

The Law's Delay.—In the case of *Ogdens (Limited) v. Weinberg*, the Judicial Committee of the House of Lords, the final court of appeal in Great Britain, has handed down its decision. The first hearing of the case was on August 10th, 1905, by the Court of King's Bench. The case went to the Court of Appeals, where the Master of the Rolls and two other judges gave their decisions on November 14, 1905, while the final decision was rendered July 26, 1906.

It will be seen that the case was carried through three courts in less than twelve months. Ogdens is a part of the British end of the Tobacco trust, a wealthy corporation able to avail itself of all the resources of legal procedure. The case was complicated by a new and unusual form of contract, the bankruptcy of the beneficiary under its terms, and the necessity of setting new points under the joint stock act, the laws relating to contracts, and the bankruptcy acts.

How long would such a case have taken for decision in this country and especially, as in this case, when the decision was against a wealthy corporation? The chances are that the resources of the victor in this case would have been exhausted by every subterfuge and unfair delay, and that at the end of a long litigation the cause would be set back for retrial on some technicality. One of the urgent reforms in the future in this country is needed for that dilatory court procedure which amounts to a denial of justice.—Wall Street Journal.

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